

Cairo calls for quick Israeli pullout

CAIRO (R) — Egypt Tuesday reiterated to Israel the need to reach agreement on an early withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. The spokesman said this view was conveyed by Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali to the Israeli Ambassador in Cairo Moshe Sason. Mr. Ali also stressed to Mr. Sason that any pull-out agreement should safeguard Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity, the spokesman added. He said the minister had also expressed Cairo's concern over developments in southern Lebanon, where Palestinian refugee camps were recently attacked.

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, who is striving to arrange a withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, reported to Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir Tuesday on his talks with Lebanese leaders. The foreign minister asked Mr. Habib "quite forcefully" whether Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) intended to remove their forces from Lebanon, Israeli sources told reporters. The U.S. envoy replied that Lebanese leaders informed him they had a commitment from Syria to withdraw its troops, the sources said. He also undertook to check on the condition of Israeli troops captured by the PLO and soldiers missing but believed to be in Syrian custody.

King to visit Romania, Yugoslavia

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Court said Tuesday that His Majesty King Hussein will visit Romania and Yugoslavia beginning Feb. 17 in response to invitations from Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and Yugoslav President Peter Stambolic. A delegation of high-ranking officials will accompany the King on the two visits.

S. Arabia, Bahrain discuss Mideast

BAHRAIN (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia discussed the Middle East situation in Riyadh Tuesday with Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Salman Al Khalifa, the Saudi Press Agency said. Sheikh Khalifa brought a message from Bahrain's ruler, Sheikh Isa Ibn Salman Al Khalifa, on bilateral cooperation, it added.

Peking renews support of Palestinians

PEKING (R) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang has expressed firm support for the Palestinian cause in a message of congratulations to the Palestine National Council which is meeting in Algiers. Mr. Zhao said in a message published Tuesday by the New China News Agency: "The Chinese government and people will, as always, firmly support the Palestinian people in their just struggle for the restoration of rights, and continue to work for a fair and just settlement of the Palestinian question."

Mubarak to visit Far East

TOKYO (R) — Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak will make an official visit to Japan early in April, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday. Ministry sources said Mr. Mubarak will spend five days in Japan starting from about April 5 as part of an Asian tour which will also take him to China and North Korea.

Israel says 3 Palestinian commandos killed near Beirut

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli soldiers killed three Palestinian commandos who attacked an Israeli road block near Beirut Tuesday, an army spokesman said. The Palestinians had fired with light weapons at soldiers manning the position at Monte Verde, three kilometers east of the city, but there were no Israeli casualties, he said.

Somali rebels reject amnesty offer

NAIROBI (R) — Guerrilla groups committed to the overthrow of Somali President Mohammed Siad Barre have rejected his offer of amnesty and pledged to go on fighting, a rebel spokesman said. Radio Halgan, propaganda arm of the rebel groups, quoted the spokesman as saying the guerrillas would never lay down their arms until they recovered "their democratic rights." President Barre announced the measure at the weekend to a huge rally at Hargeisa, northern Somalia, scene of unrest after a jail-break last month, which rebels claim to have engineered.

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Fahoum re-elected Palestine National Council speaker

ALGIERS (Agencies) — The 16th session of the Palestine National Council (PNC), which opened here Monday, has re-elected Khaled Al Fahoum as its speaker for the next term by a majority of votes and was Tuesday expected to hear reports on the political developments in the Palestinian issue since 1981, when the council last met.

During its first session, which began Monday evening and continued until the early hours of Tuesday, the PNC agreed to allocate 36 seats for the eight constituent organisations of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), 21 seats for members of the Higher Military Council, and 18 seats for the Palestinian Women Union.

The council resumed its meetings Tuesday to hear speeches by the heads of foreign delegations,

which came from 90 countries to express support of the Palestinian issue, including a speech by Jordan's National Consultative Council (NCC) Speaker Suleiman Arar.

It will also hear reports of the heads of political, financial, military, and information committees which have already begun closed meetings.

It will also discuss peace plans being forwarded for settling the Middle East crisis.

Italy lends Jordan \$20m in aid

ROME (I.T.) — The Italian minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Emilio Colombo, and the president of the National Planning Council (NPC), Dr. Hanna Odeh, Monday signed an inter-government agreement granting Jordan an aid loan of \$20 million.

The minister of foreign affairs

and the president of the NPC had previously held discussions on the prospects for a larger Italian participation in development projects in Jordan, and Mr. Colombo has confirmed the availability of the Italian government to contribute in an ever more substantial manner.

Dr. Hanna Odeh started his visit to Italy on Sunday, Feb. 13.

In the framework of technical cooperation, Italy is starting new projects in Jordan for the value of approximately 14 billion Italian lire (\$12 million) in agricultural, professional training and energy sectors.

His talk in Amman with His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, centred on bilateral relations and the latest developments in the Middle East. Mr. Yaquob-Khan said.

President Anis Gemayel, wearing an army uniform, went to the three brigades' temporary camp near Beirut airport during the night to give the order to deploy in east Beirut.

The president, whose family's Falangist Party dominates the right-wing militia, told the troops: "We want to succeed in unifying the capital. We want to succeed in uniting the hearts of the Lebanese."

By mid-morning the government troops had set up sandbagged checkpoints

The cabinet, empowered by

Lebanese army spreads out in E. Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Thousands of Lebanese government troops Tuesday took over security duties in East Beirut from the right-wing Christian militiamen who have ruled there since the civil war of 1975-76.

The move, carried out under a new government decree giving the army sweeping powers to maintain law and order, symbolised the return of government authority to the whole of Beirut for the first time in eight years.

The government had been able to recover control of west Beirut last September after Palestinian forces withdrew from there and their local Muslim militia allies were disarmed.

Rightist sources said the army deployment was negotiated with the militiamen, who are now forbidden from moving around east Beirut in military vehicles, wearing uniforms or carrying weapons.

But the sources said the militia headquarters would remain where

it is in the heart of east Beirut. There is also no suggestion that the army will move in and confiscate the militia weapons, although it has the power to do so.

The sources said armed militiamen in uniform would be allowed to guard the headquarters. Uniformed gunmen wore on

as normal Tuesday morning there and at a militia centre close to what used to be the main front line with west Beirut.

The sources said the right-wing "Lebanese Forces" militia would retain control for the time being of part of Beirut port and of a municipal property registration office, taxes from which provide much of the militia's income.

Radios and newspapers said three brigades of the Lebanese army numbering some 4,000 men moved in early Tuesday morning after the cabinet issued a decree giving the army widespread new powers.

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Settlers warn Arabs against stoning vehicles

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — The Israeli army allowed a convoy of about 100 Israeli settlers to drive through an Arab village in the occupied West Bank Tuesday to protest at the death of an Israeli woman who was stoned by Arab youths.

Esther Obama, 22, who was hit on the head by a rock in Daburiya, southwest of Hebron, last month, died at the weekend.

Aharon Domid, one of the settlers, told reporters the village had been under curfew when the settlers arrived Monday to protest at her death.

"Early this morning the army let us in," he said. "We said prayers for the girl and then drove through, shouting our statement through loudspeakers to make sure it was absolutely clear."

"We warned them in Arabic against throwing rocks at Israeli cars—which we consider the equivalent of attempted murder—and made it clear that Jewish blood would not go unanswered."

Daburiya has been under military curfew since the incident, which military sources said was the first stoning fatality they could recall.

The settlers also demanded that every youth arrested for stoning Israeli vehicles be deported and his house demolished.

"We have demanded that the army take much tougher steps, and we shall ourselves do whatever is necessary to stop these attacks," Mr. Domid said.

An Israeli civilian was wounded Tuesday when he was stoned by Palestinian demonstrators in Nablus, the West Bank's biggest town. The army reacted by putting the town's old quarter under curfew.

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Swiss francs, buying 1,9880 francs after 2,0182 at Monday's close. Sterling was one cent stronger at \$1.5493, while the French franc gained eight centimes at 6,7900 to the dollar.

April gold futures were trading at around \$518.50 an ounce, and analysts said the metal was moving in a resistance band around \$510-\$510, which if broken could signal an advance of up to \$50.

Gold prices rise to highest in 2 years

LONDON (R) — Gold rose to its highest for nearly two years Tuesday as the dollar lost some of its recent strength and eased against all major currencies.

At the London morning fix by bullion houses, gold was quoted at \$115.30 an ounce, nearly \$10 above Monday's close and its all-time high since April 9, 1981. The afternoon fixing price was slightly lower at \$509.25.

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The newly-appointed, 30-member Upper House of Parliament holds its first session Tuesday (Petra photo)

Yaqub-Khan: Reagan proposal should reconcile with Palestinian aspirations

By Lamis Andoni
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A lasting peace settlement in the Middle East should directly address the Palestinian problem, and the Reagan initiative should reconcile with the Arab peace plan adopted at the Fez summit.

Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid also made a speech to the PNC urging the Palestinian revolution to "unify its ranks to cope with the difficult phase which the Palestinian issue and the area are passing through." He called for independent Palestinian decisions and appealed to the Arab World to tackle "fateful issues in a positive attitude and to take serious steps to end the Arab division."

Mr. Andoni said: "While we are holding the gun and brandishing it in the face of the enemy, we are advocates of peace. However, the peace we seek is a peace based on right and justice."

Mr. Andoni said: "The Reagan initiative makes some beginning, it is to be encouraged."

He expressed hope that the Reagan initiative can be brought much closer to the Arab position.

"Although the American initiative falls short of satisfying the aspirations of the Arab World, it should be welcomed to the extent that it reflects a modification in American policy," he said.

The 62-year-old minister, who has served as Pakistani ambassador to the United States, the Soviet Union and France, said that the Islamic World's position is "totally identical" to the position and objectives of the Arab World.

The Pakistani foreign minister, who left for Iraq Tuesday after two days of talks in Jordan, is expected to come back to Amman on Thursday to continue his four-day visit.

His talk in Amman with His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, centred on bilateral relations and the latest developments in the Middle East. Mr. Yaqub-Khan said.

Speaking to reporters at a press conference held in the Pakistani embassy, Mr. Yaqub-Khan said that "there can be no durable Middle East peace settlement which does not resolve the root cause of the problem, namely the restoration of the inalienable rights of our Palestinian brethren."

Mr. Yaqub-Khan pointed out that there are about three million Afghan refugees in Pakistan and "appropriate conditions" should be created for their return to their country.

The Soviet Union, which maintains a large military presence in Afghanistan, has expressed willingness to withdraw its troops, Mr. Yaqub-Khan said.

Such a withdrawal, along with guarantees from the Soviet side not to intervene again, are essential prerequisites for a solution to the Afghan problem, Mr. Yaqub-Khan said.

Asked whether Islamabad would recognise the government of President Karmal in the event of a Soviet withdrawal, Mr. Yaqub-Khan said: "We are willing to recognise any government which is accepted by the Afghan people."

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Referring to the situation in Afghanistan, he said "indirect

negotiations" between Islamabad and the Kabul government of President Bahrak Karmal, which Pakistan does not recognise, "have made substantial progress."

"We consider that the central issue to the Afghan problem is a withdrawal of Soviet troops," he said.

In reply to another question whether he would act a mediator in the Iran-Iraq war, the foreign minister said his visit to Baghdad "is just a friendly visit."

Meeting with Qasem

Earlier Tuesday Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, who visited Petra, told Mr. Yaqub-Khan that Israeli occupation authorities were making haste to annex the occupied territories after emptying them of their inhabitants.

Mr. Qasem added that the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

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Police sources said the arrests followed a year of painstaking inquiries by Italy's secret services.

Mr. Pronin was being detained while questioning continued.

Sergei Antonov, Rome station manager for the Bulgarian state airline Balkan Air, has been detained since last November on suspicion of plotting with the Turkish gunman who shot and wounded Pope John Paul in May 1981.

A Carabinieri paramilitary police statement said only that the Italian was arrested while committing an act of politico-military

haut major reform of the rules Spanish entry would lead to disaster for French farmers who would find themselves undercut by cheap Spanish products.

Since taking office in 1981 the Socialist president has cultivated France's links with its southern neighbours Spain, Italy and Portugal, arguing they had been too long neglected by the concentration of previous administrations on ties with West Germany and other northern countries.

France is in the forefront of community members concerned about the effects of Spanish entry under present rules covering Southern European farm produce.

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FEATURES

Irish People is not an agent of IRA'

By Hugh Bracken
Reuter

NEW YORK — A small weekly newspaper published from a dimly-lit office in Manhattan has entered its seventh year of legal battle with the U.S. government because of alleged links with the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

The government says the 10,000-circulation paper, the Irish People, is an agent of the IRA, outlawed in Britain and Ireland, and should register as such under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).

But the paper's editor, Martin Galvin, said: "to force us to register would be to force us to commit an act of perjury. We are not agents of the IRA."

As the case against the paper continues, the U.S. government is this month prosecuting four men accused of trying to buy surface-to-air missiles for the IRA.

Mr. Galvin maintains the newspaper is being victimised because of pressure from Britain, whose rule in Northern Ireland the IRA is fighting to end.

The case against the Irish People arose from a probe by the U.S. authorities into the Irish Northern Aid Committee (Noraid). The Justice Department has said that Noraid is the main U.S. source of funds for the IRA, but this has never been proved in court and Noraid denies it.

The Irish People shares its office with Noraid, and the walls are plastered with pro-IRA posters. Mr. Galvin, as well as being the newspaper's editor, is chief spokesman for Noraid.

Washington wants the paper to register under FARA and make disclosures on who runs it and who finances it, items required by the act.

The court action has forced the government to reveal thousands

of pages of documents about its investigation of Noraid, including information on how that probe was started at the request of the British government.

The government charged that the Irish People was controlled and partly funded by Noraid and that the paper supported Noraid and the IRA.

The newspaper then sought the help of the American Civil Liberties Union to defend it, saying that the government was threatening its freedom of speech.

One court upheld the paper's contention, but the U.S. Court of Appeals on July 2, 1982 reversed the decision and said the paper must register under FARA.

The Appeals Court said FARA was "inspired by national security, international political and foreign policy considerations" and was today employed "for disclosing links with international terrorists."

The paper then asked for leave to appeal and the case has been brought to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The court has not yet determined whether it will hear the appeal. If it does not, the Appeals Court decision would stand.

Mr. Galvin says the Appeals Court decision is a threat to U.S. democracy. "Not much is said about the activities of other ethnic groups, nothing for instance about the purchase of Israeli bonds," he said.

"The only group the government has moved against is the Irish. It is because of British pressure," Mr. Galvin added.

The paper has stressed in editorials that though it is not encouraging its readers to break laws, it would like them to have the right attitude towards those who do so for the cause of Irish unity.

Sweden may impose tougher rape laws

By Annika Doos
Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Sweden has proposed legalising incest between consenting adults while imposing tougher measures against rapists.

A six-member government committee, set up in 1977 to review existing laws on sexual offences, said in its just-released report that its main goal was "to intensify the reaction of society" to rape.

At the same time, it said it wanted Swedish law to stop interfering "in voluntary sexual intercourse between adults, even if the parties are related to one another."

The committee also proposed tougher laws to protect children from incest and sexual assault and harsher punishment against pimps and madams, persons who live off the profits of prostitution.

The proposed law decriminalises incest between persons over 18 years old.

"We in the committee asked ourselves: If for instance two siblings who have grown up in different homes decide to live together as adults, how terrible is that?" supreme court judge referee Ingrid Almdahl, the committee's secretary, told the Associated Press. "We don't feel that society should forbid them to do this."

The committee acknowledges that the risk of genetic damage theoretically is greater among offspring of relations between siblings or parents and children than among others.

It contends, however, the risk is relatively small and "has not been proven empirically." It says the risk is far greater that a woman over 40 will bear a deformed child and that no one would suggest making it a criminal offence for

women above 40 to bear children.

The Christian and Social Council of the opposition Liberal Party has protested the proposal to legalise incest. "Sweden should not abolish a law that exists in every known civilised society," the council said in a statement.

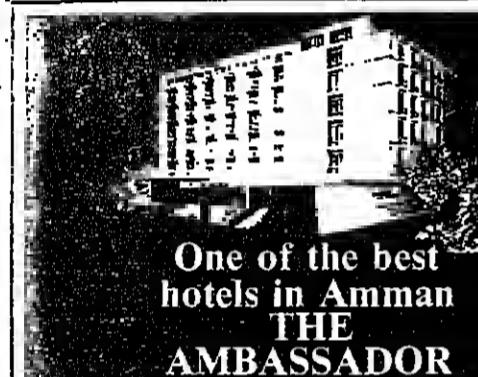
Advocates of women's rights consider the proposal an important victory. Criminologist Leif G.W. Persson, a researcher on sexual offences consulted by the committee, said it was "strongly influenced by women's criticism of present laws."

Statistics for 1979 show there were 922 reported cases of rape in Sweden but only 94 convictions. Experts believe the number of unreported rapes is much higher, because many women are reluctant to go to the police.

Ms. Almdahl said the Riksdag, Sweden's parliament, will debate the proposals in its fall session, and if it approves they should take effect by the end of the year.

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HOME NEWS

Islamic council meets at U. of J.

AMMAN (Petra) — The council of the Islamic Cultural Centre held its first meeting at the University of Jordan Tuesday to discuss ways in which could contribute to consolidating the Islamic faith, values and ethics. The conferees also discussed ways of promoting Islamic awareness thus enabling university students to develop their talents and skills, while encouraging a high standard of their research.

The meeting was chaired by University President Abdul Salam Al Majali, who explained the aims of the centre, namely to achieve interaction between the university and the Jordanian community. Dr. Majali pointed out that the university mosque and the Sbaria College have an important role to play in this regard.



GERMAN MINISTER IN AMMAN — West German Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Jürgen Moellemann (centre) is received by Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry Walid Tash (right) and West German Ambassador to Jordan Hermann Münz upon Mr. Moellemann's arrival at Amman Airport Tuesday (Petra photo)

Agriculture seminar focuses on fertiliser

AMMAN (Petra) — The seminar on agricultural credit facilities and the pricing policies of fertilisers in the Arab World continued its sessions at the Amman Chamber of Industry Tuesday.

Several working papers by Arab delegates were presented and dis-

cussed. They dealt with credit facilities and pricing policies in a number of Arab countries. The working papers were unanimous that increased use of fertilisers in agriculture would increase crop yields. They also stressed the importance of providing fertilisers to farmers at reasonable prices.

The papers also discussed the state subsidies for fertilisers aimed at both achieving this goal and encouraging agricultural cooperatives to play a more effective role in boosting agriculture.

Rabies committee meets at Ministry of Health

AMMAN (Petra) — The ministerial committee responsible for studying the rabies problem met Tuesday at the Health Ministry. The meeting was attended by the Health Minister, the Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment, the Under-Secretaries of the Ministries of Health and Interior, and a representative of the Amman Municipality.

Health Minister Zuhair Malhas explained that the seriousness of

Medical stats published

AMMAN (Petra) — A statistical bulletin issued by the Health Ministry reveals that out of Jordan's 2,696 physicians 757 of them in the past year were employed by the ministry and the rest worked for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) or in the private sector.

The bulletin said that the country had 532 dentists in 1982 of whom 84 were employed by the Ministry of Health. As to pharmacists, they numbered 755, 32 of whom, were employed by the ministry, and 946 male and female nurses of whom 284 worked at the ministry's different hospitals and medical centres. As to midwives there were 366 in 1982 of whom 171 worked for the ministry, the bulletin said.

Measurement standardisation seminar concludes

AMMAN (Petra) — A training course on measurement standardisation was concluded at the Arab Organisation for Standardisation and Metrology (AOSM) Tuesday. Eighteen participants representing 18 Arab countries participated in the course.

The course's programme, which continued for three days, included lectures by specialists as well as technical teaching in computing methods for processing, storing and retrieving information.

The programme also included field trips to several scientific institutions and information centres, including the Royal Scientific Society (RSS).

AOSM Secretary-General Zafer Al-Sawaf, in the seminar's concluding speech, called on the participants to apply the experience gained from the seminar in their own countries.

Dr. Sawaf then distributed certificates to the participants.

His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday presented graduates of the Hussein Air Force College with their wings (Petra photo)

Exports rise by 53%

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's industrial exports in the first half of 1982 totalled JD 104,532,000 compared to JD 68,593,000 for the same period in the year before; an increase of 53 per cent.

Officials at the Amman Chamber of Industry said the exports included foodstuffs, alcoholic drinks, tobacco, phosphates, chemical materials and other items exported to the countries of the European Economic Community (EEC). Iraq ranked first among importers of Jordanian products taking goods to the value of JD 41.3 million. Jordan exported goods worth JD 23 million to other Arab countries.

It also exported to the EEC goods valued at JD 1.7 million, and to the socialist countries goods worth JD 12.2 million. As far as Asian countries, the figures for which include Turkey, the price of Jordan's exports totalled JD 12.6 million.

AESC talks set for Feb. 24

TUNIS (Petra) — Jordan will participate in the ministerial meetings of the 34th session of the Arab Economic and Social Council (AESC) which will begin in Tunis on Feb. 24.

During the two-day session, the ministers will discuss working papers and memoranda submitted by the Arab League General Secretariat on joint Arab projects, and the role of the specialised Arab organisation in implementing these projects. The ministers will also discuss the financing of social projects and the creation of an emergency fund to be attached to the Arab League General Secretariat.

This session will be preceded by a meeting of government delegates on Feb. 22 and 23 at the Arab League headquarters to decide upon the AESC agenda. Industry and Trade Minister Walid Asfour will represent Jordan at these meetings.

Rain shortages tackled in Nabulsi speech

AMMAN (Petra) — Director-General of the Jordanian Cooperative Organisation (JCO) Hassan Al Nabulsi delivered a lecture Tuesday at the University of Jordan School of Agriculture on the priorities of agricultural research in areas irrigated by rainfall.

Mr. Nabulsi spoke about the criteria for drawing up priorities in the rainfall areas which constitute six per cent of the country's entire area. He also explained the agricultural problems involved and outlined possible solutions, such as the use of improved high yield seeds and fertilisers.

Dairy plant survey comes to Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Union of Foodstuff Industries (AUFI) is currently making an integrated study on the condition of dairy processing plants in the Arab World. As a result it hopes to tackle the technical, economic and technological aspects which

obstruct progress in this industry. The Amman Chamber of Industry has addressed a memorandum to these dairy factories in Jordan together with a questionnaire prepared by the AUFI general secretariat to be filled and returned by plant managers.

Precision and imagination characterise painting exhibition of Yugoslav artists at Haya Centre

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The drawings from Serbia, Yugoslavia now on show at the Jordan Artists Association gallery, Jabal Weibdeh, is an exceptional display for many reasons.

First, the quality of the work which is the key to the whole exhibition is consistently high. These are not superficial, quickly made pieces, devoid of meaning. No. all 35 drawings, each by a different artist from the Academy of Fine Arts in Belgrade, have been carefully, often intricately crafted. Their fine lines conveying the different textures and ideas so well that the drawings you gravitate towards (you cannot take in all the works equally at once so you tend to head towards the ones which reinforce your own philosophies and aspirations) the ones that absorb you most. Second, perhaps due to the fact that the work has been produced in recent years and predominantly in 1982, some of the pieces are stimulatingly new. Third, as opportunities to see Yugoslavian works are rare, the exhibition provides a chance to see at first hand some of the art work being produced in Yugoslavia today.

Throughout the history of modern painting in Yugoslavia, realism seems to have been the dominant mode of expression, characterising the Belgrade school of as early as 1925. Carrying on this tradition are Radovan Krugulj and Emir Dragulj whose drawings in pencil are exercise in neat precision. They are however much more than that. Krugulj's rabbit hutch, while certainly conveying beautifully the sense of the raw knotted wood of the box, is much more importantly a study of the effects of light—how one tone can appear lighter and darker by simple juxtaposition to other tones—and of the way the pieces of wood and their shadows form geometrical patterns that weave and intertwine on a two-dimensional plane.

Dragulj, on the other hand, is more concerned with the way material changes affect everyday objects. By hiding familiar shapes under the soft folds of fabric he imbues them with a mystery and an ethereal strangeness which firmly anchors to this world and age with electric cables. His objects, lined up separately, inviolate and lonely against the wall, like suspects in an identity parade, break traditional compositional formulas. Yet, while one can view

Pilot graduates receive wings from Hussein

AMMAN (Petra) — Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein, the supreme commander of the armed forces, a new batch of the Royal Jordanian Air Force pilots Tuesday graduated at the Hussein Air Force College.

At the beginning of the ceremony, the commandant of the college made a speech saying the new batch completed their scheduled military and educational programmes up to the same standard as their practical training in the aircrafts. Indeed they achieved good results in a short period of time, he said.

King Hussein bestowed upon the pilots their wings and made awards to those graduates who had excelled. The graduation ceremony was attended by the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and a number of high-ranking officers.

Bahraini education team shown around Princess Alia Community College

AMMAN (Petra) — The Bahraini educational delegation, currently visiting Jordan, visited Tuesday the Princess Alia Community College and listened to a speech from the director of the college on its teaching programmes and its role in serving the local community.

A delegation representing the nursery schools in Bahrain visited the college's nursery to acquaint itself with the running of the nursery and its methods of child care.

The Bahraini delegation arrived in Amman last Wednesday in order to study a number of Jordanian educational institutes.



Krstic Velizar's "Fly on the Wall". One of the thirty-five drawings from Serbia showing at the Haya Arts Centre until Feb. 26 (Photo Jordan Times)

say otherwise. But the triumph of this work are the echoing sinewy lines that flow unfalteringly.

Lastly, fine textural effects have been achieved by the artists Zivko Djak and Radenko Misovic but by different means. Misovic's still life sets the whirling concentric rings of a shell and the more wobbly contours of withered pomegranates against a background gridded so finely as to resemble a woven fabric. Djak obtains the same woven feel by molding the paper itself, and then adds movement and dynamism with a few economic pencil lines. The result—a pleasingly clean simplicity.

The exhibition runs until Feb. 26.



"Metamorphosis". A drawing by Cvetkovic Aleksandar, one of the 35 studies from Yugoslavia currently on show at the Haya Art Gallery in Amman (Photo Jordan Times)

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You tell 'em, Elias

BETHLEHEM Mayor Elias Freij has correctly pointed out the difference between the strength of American words and the strength of Israeli bulldozers in the occupied Arab territories. He pointed out in a press interview earlier this week that American politicians make clumsy speeches while American money allows Israel to build more settlements and gradually annex the West Bank and Gaza. We are not always as polite or as gracious as Mr. Freij. In our eyes, the American political leadership offers much more than clumsy speeches. It is providing the world with an example of irresoluteness and shameless hypocrisy that is hard to parallel in the dirty, mercantile world of big-power politics. It is ironic that Mr. Freij himself points out the contradiction between American words and American deeds — for Mr. Freij is one of the few democratically elected Palestinian mayors in the occupied West Bank and Gaza who has not been expelled, shot at, bombed, dismissed or put under house arrest by the Israeli military occupation that is, in our eyes, the defendant ward that lives by the fiscal magnanimity and the ethical favouritism of the United States political leadership. No wonder the Americans are anxious to promote "moderate" and reasonable people such as Mr. Freij: obviously, they understand well enough that it is American money and

American confusion that has allowed the Israelis systematically to wipe out the rest of the indigenous political leadership of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. The Americans understand very well that they have precious little time in which to continue their cruel fiction of asking Palestinian leadership to step forward and negotiate peace while the only two genuine and legitimate strains of an authentic Palestinian leadership — the PLO and the elected mayors in the West Bank and Gaza — are ostracized from the peace-making process either because of American obstinacy in refusing to deal with the PLO or because unquestioning American support for Israel has allowed Israel to deport, terrorise, arrest, dismiss or arrest those Palestinian mayors who form the natural leadership in the occupied territories. Sounds like a cruel joke? It is, and a cruel joke that is sanctioned, financed, perpetuated and defended by the same American leadership that professes a suddenly urgent desire to bring peace to the Holy Land. There is too much contradiction here even for a prostrate Arab World to swallow. Mr. Freij is right to point out to the Americans their record of hollow and offensive rhetoric. One hopes someone in Washington listens. One probably hopes in vain, to judge by recent history.

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: PNC ought to accept Reagan Plan

The Palestine National Council (PNC) began Monday its most important session yet directed at saving the occupied Arab territories and its residents. In this session it is crucial that the Arab peace plan, which remains the best plan suggested to date, be approved.

The PNC will also decide whether to accept or reject the Reagan Plan. Needless to say, the Arab peace plan is more acceptable than the Reagan initiative. It is true that Israel has challenged the initiative from the very moment it was announced, and has enhanced the construction of settlements in the occupied territories in an effort to prove to the Arabs that the U.S. administration is incapable of

Al Dustour: France and Soviet Union want to end Gulf war

The Iraqi-Iranian war has entered a critical phase after the new Iranian offensive. This latest round of fighting should prompt the international community to shoulder its responsibilities by acting quickly to put an end to this war.

In recent battles, well over 15,000 Iranians have been killed in addition to the many wounded. Furthermore, Iran is paying heavily in material losses as a result of the war. This illustrates the suffering being endured by the Iranian people simply because

Sawt Al Shaab: PNC disunity would be a gift to the enemy

It is important that the PNC, currently meeting in Algiers, protect the unity of the Palestinians regardless of the differences in opinion which might surface. Palestinian disunity would certainly be a weapon in the hands of those fighting against both peace and the future existence of the Palestinians.

At one time, the Palestinians had no alternative

to military struggle, but with the failure of the military option, now it is the political struggle which is the only option left. If we take into consideration the time element, which sees every moment being utilised to eat away at Palestinian lands and to evict Palestinian residents from the occupied territories, the gravity of the PNC decision is obvious.

Implementation of its initiative. Nevertheless, the U.S. administration says that it has not begun to play its role as it is still waiting for a Palestinian reply.

Thus the PNC will have to decide which initiative to accept. If it accepts the U.S. initiative, it will be to force the American administration to prove its credibility and confront the Israeli challenge, or to back down and show that it was not serious about the initiative all along. In either case should the PNC endorse the Reagan Plan, new situation would be brought about, and in either case, no one could blame the Arabs for turning down the chance of peace.

Al Dustour: France and Soviet Union want to end Gulf war

The tragedy is that there exist foreign powers pouring oil on the fire as if the goal is to sacrifice every Arab and Muslim for the sake of their interests. With such a situation, we appreciate the French initiative and the statements made by the French external relations minister to the effect that France will continue its efforts to put an end to this war, because the continuation of war will only lead to more destruction.

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John Paul to visit Central America and the Caribbean A trip very much in line with the Pope

By Tony Austin

Reuter

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul's plan to visit eight countries in Central America and the Caribbean next month is seen in the Vatican as reflecting his heart felt mission to take the gospel in person to suffering peoples.

The 17th foreign trip of his pontificate will bring the pope into contact with governments ranging from Marxist Nicaragua to Haiti where President-For-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier rules.

The pontiff will receive red-carpet treatment wherever he goes in the strongly Catholic region "but some of the governments may not be so pleased when he has left," one Vatican official with first-hand knowledge of Central America said.

Pope John Paul is reminded daily of the political tightrope he has to walk during the eight-day visit starting on March 2. Opposition-in-exile groups from Guatemala and Haiti have already urged him to denounce the two governments and the Vatican is sifting through allegations of

human rights abuses in El Salvador during the country's five-year-old civil war, Vatican officials said.

"This trip is very much in line with his pontificate," the Vatican official said. "You can be sure he will make his views plain, but he knows better than anybody the right way to do it."

The national bishops conference which invited the pope will be looking to him to encourage their pastoral activities despite the region's chronic political instability. He is considered certain to endorse the Holy See's firm opposition to direct involvement by churchmen in political efforts to promote greater social justice.

Nicaragua, where five priests hold senior office in the Sandinist government, is the most striking case in point. The Vatican insists father Miguel d'Escoto resign as foreign minister in Managua, seeing any political office as incompatible with a priest's vow of

Irreverent level.

The government of Costa Rica, his first destination, has announced plans to mark the occasion by liberating 200 prisoners who have less than six months of their sentences to serve. Local church officials say the pope will stay the first three nights in the Costa Rican capital of San Jose, making a one-day trip from there on March 3 to Panama.

His programme there includes a meeting with President Ricardo

de la Espriella, Brigadier-General Ruben Dario Paredes, commander-in-chief of the armed forces, and a mass in the metropolitan cathedral of Panama City.

The pope often speaks in his weekly public functions about the intolerable level of violence in Central America. In particular he has called for dialogue and an end to bloodshed in El Salvador and Guatemala, both in the throes of civil conflict between government security forces and guerrillas. The papal nuncio in San Salvador recently hacked calls by local church leaders for face-to-face negotiations between the warring parties.

Archbishop Arturo Rivera Y Damas, El Salvador's leading churchman, urged both sides last Sunday to mark the papal visit by declaring a ceasefire in the war which has killed an estimated 100,000 people over the past five years.

El Salvador with 1,485 cases

and Guatemala with 1,334 cases

high on a United Nations list of

countries accused of failing to explain the disappearance of political

opponents. Honduras and Nicaragua also appear on the list.

Salvadoran President Alvaro Magana will be at the airport to greet the pontiff and his government has detailed 2,000 security agents to ensure the safety of the pope during his one-day visit.

In Panama the pope will speak with campesinos peasants, a social group he never tires of exhorting to stay on the land and avoid the temptation of modern cities. "In a wider sense he will want to reinforce the faith of millions of impoverished Catholics in the countries he visits," a Vatican official said.

The pope feels keenly the anguish of landless families, many of them caught in a trap of poverty and crushed between left-and-right-wing military factions, he added.

Controversy also surrounds the last stop of his tour, at Haiti where the pope will attend the general assembly of the Latin American bishop's conference.

A Miami-based opposition group urged him not to "enter into a pact with the devil" by meeting the Haitian president.

The biggest dealer on Kuwait's unofficial stock market claims that he is being made a scapegoat

The Kuwaiti who owes \$10.5 billion

By Alan Friedman
and Kathy Evans

KUWAIT — Kuwait's financial community is in turmoil. The collapse of the Souq Al Manakh (the country's unofficial stock markets) has resulted in a \$34 billion mountain of post-dated cheques which were used in forward share dealings. It is a mountain which threatens not only Kuwait's financial community, but its social fabric as well.

Sixty people out of the 6,000 who played the Souq are now facing criminal proceedings and about 300 or more could be bankrupted if Kuwait's bankruptcy law is strictly enforced. The law is clear: Any individual who is declared bankrupt must immediately call in his debtors. If they cannot pay, they are also declared bankrupt. And so on.

A surprising number of Kuwaitis do not quite know how much they are worth, nor what their debtors and creditors are worth. The result is that even the government appears to be finding the task of untangling the mess a formidable challenge.

It doesn't help matters that several senior government officials are said to be involved in the post-dated cheque pyramid, as one put it, "up to their necks." The simple truth is that anyone, from taxi drivers to top bankers, could play the Souq.

Big returns

And why not? Although some of the dealings were illicit and the risks high, the market was producing returns of 20, 50, 100 and 150 per cent. Shares were bought

with forward cheques, some one year ahead, and sold for cash immediately. Deals were done from car telephones, from aircraft flying over the Gulf, in the lobby of the Kuwait Sheraton and elsewhere.

But when confidence evaporated last August and cheques were presented for payment prematurely, the house of cards tumbled, bringing down the market and nine of the biggest dealers, known locally as "The Magnificent Nine."

The highest of these, the most "magnificent" of the magnificent, is Mr. Jassim Al-Mutawa, a former passport clerk who seems to be in the running for the title of the world's "largest-ever" personal bankrupt. By his own account, he owes K.D. 3 billion (\$10.5 billion).

Mr. Al-Mutawa, "Jassim" to all of Kuwait, is one of those being prosecuted. And if Mr. Abdul Lateef Al Hamad, Kuwait's tough-talking Finance Minister, has his way, prison sentences will be doled out. "We will have people who have to be hurt," declared the finance minister.

So how does Mr. Al-Mutawa feel about the situation? In a rare interview late last month he said that he was convinced that he was the victim of rumours and that as a humble-born Kuwaiti, he was a likely scapegoat in a society where rank had traditionally been very important.

Nothing wrong

Jassim is well aware of his fame (or infamy, depending on your politics): "Jassim, Jassim, Jassim," they say. They all talk about me. I

know I have done nothing wrong. There are 6,000 other Jassims in Kuwait. If they want to put everybody in prison, let them."

He is here to analyse his financial position: "I started with K.D. 2.5 million (\$8.6 million) and that grew to a total of K.D. 5 million. It seems like a big amount, but there is some exaggeration. There are K.D. 3 billion against me (money he owes) and K.D. 2 billion for me (money he is owed). That leaves me only a K.D. 1 billion difference to pay and I have enough shares and land to cover it."

Unfortunately, some K.D. 575 million of this K.D. 1 billion (\$3.5 billion) Jassim is referring to is in Souq Al Manakh shares, and it is not clear that these will ever be worth the paper they are written on. Another problem is that he claims most of the balance is in property and the Kuwait market is not ripe for asset disposals just now.

Jassim reckons that despite its protestations to the contrary, the Kuwait government gave its approval to the Souq all along: "If the government did not approve of it, they would not have let it continue. People in the government were involved. The ministries phoned us every day for share prices. Of course this is offical approval."

The post-dated cheque cycle became a credit market, not a share market, and loans were effectively made with annual interest rates at well over 100 per cent. At the peak, dealers were said to be paying a 300 per cent premium for six months.

Jassim's solution to the post-dated cheque problem? "We should drop the government's requirement for immediate cheque payment and go back to the original spot price with a small percentage, a reduced premium."

Now, six months later, the government is struggling to come up with formulae which will reduce

the K.D. 27 billion (\$94 billion) of cheques to a net level of K.D. 7 billion, and then lower. Everyone in Kuwait has a different way to solve the problem. The finance minister has rejected a "blanket solution."

I was used

Meanwhile, Jassim still comes to his office at the Souq most nights. Seated in his leather swivel desk chair in a smoke-filled room, he leans back in the chair, adjusts his Arab head-dress and puffs on a Marlboro. He orders another round of Turkish coffees for his guests and smiles wanly.

If I am in prison, it will be unfair. I will defend my name until the end of my life... I was used."

Would he do it all again if he had the chance? "I would do the same things again, avoiding some mistakes," says an unrepentant Jassim. "I have done nothing wrong."

Meanwhile, Kuwait searches for a solution to the cheque crisis. The longer the search goes on, the more the country becomes riddled by uncertainty and confusion.

Although the government would deny it today, most seasoned Kuwait observers reckon it will end up spending a few billion dinars on a bail-out, probably one which is camouflaged in rhetoric and loan talk.

As for Jassim Al-Mutawa, he seems resigned to his fate but determined to fight for his honour. Does prospect of prison frighten him? "No," answers Jassim. "I am not afraid of anything or anybody but Allah."

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Temperatures rising in Switzerland around issues of nuclear power

By Andrew Gowers

Reuter

BASLE — Political decisions which will determine the shape of Switzerland's energy supply in the 1990s and beyond are on the horizon, and temperatures are rising here around the controversial issue of nuclear power.

An anti-nuclear lobby is intent on halting the atomic power programme, which the government says is indispensable. Just a few kilometres up the Rhine from Basle an idle half-excavated stretch of land provides a symbol of their success. This was to be the site of the Kaiserstaugt nuclear power station, intended to fill what the government sees as a dangerous gap in the country's electricity supply from 1990.

But building on it has been delayed by protests from demonstrators illegally occupying the site eight years ago in Switzerland's first recorded anti-nuclear protest. A proposal to continue the work is now making its way through Switzerland's legislature. Last week it passed its first hurdle, with a narrow majority in favour in the upper house of parliament.

But before the lower house, said by political commentators to be more hostile to the project, passes judgement the Swiss public must have its say.

What is more, there is a small risk of earthquakes in the area. Because of this a government commission on nuclear power stations after the accident at Chernobyl has recommended additional precautions.

Some influential pro-nuclear voices in the region have already drawn their conclusion. "Kaiserstaugt remains a misconceived project on a site that no one would choose today," wrote Gerd Padel, editor of the Basler Zeitung in a commentary at the weekend.

The only solution is to stop building it before the climate becomes more poisoned, he argued, hinting at a widespread fear that the issue of nuclear power in general is becoming confused with the purely local problem of Kaiserstaugt.

Nuclear power is central to this, and the generating industry maintains that as demand for electricity is projected to grow steadily, new power plants will need to be built at a steady rate to supplement or replace the four already in operation. The problem is that even theoretical advocates of nuclear power in the Basle region are against the Kaiserstaugt plant because of its position.

The site, at the Swiss border with France and West Germany, is at the heart of one of the most densely populated regions in Europe, with about 2.3 million inhabitants. Opponents say the area is already saturated with nuclear power stations.

Opponents claim success in forcing the government to adopt tighter safety regulations for

Scribbled note: "It's in its

Beirut plans \$3 billion reconstruction of shattered city centre

By Alan Philips
Reuter

BEIRUT — Long-delayed plans to revive Beirut's shattered city centre are being implemented at last and the Lebanese are praying that this time reconstruction will be real.

The commercial core, once famed for its bustling, vaulted markets and cinemas decked with lurid posters, was devastated and looted during the 1975-76 civil war.

Though the street fighting ended long ago, the battle lines remained drawn within the centre of the city and its ruins became a symbol of the civil war's unhealed wounds.

But now the city authorities seizing the chance of the fragile peace that set in after last summer's Israeli invasion, have dusted off reconstruction plans first drawn up in 1977.

port. "Your property is to be expropriated. The government will compensate you," comes the reply.

Several traders have already watched in sorrow as giant yellow bulldozers reduced the ancient gold market to rubble.

Officials said the structure, once an Aladdin's cave of treasures, was too damaged to be rebuilt. All that remains is a muddy wasteland next to Martyr's Square, formerly the hub of city life but now little more than a vacant lot. "Our goal

is to give Beirut a new soul," says City Governor Mitr Naammar, himself a refugee from his bullet-scarred headquarters in the centre.

The city has been divided on sectarian lines since the civil war, and badly needs a new heart as a symbol of reconciliation between the mainly Christian east and predominantly Muslim west.

The government only managed to take control of the city centre after the Israeli siege of west Beirut last summer forced out its Palestinian defenders and smashed

the power of their Lebanese leftist allies.

Another has a plot of land where a road is to be driven through the crumbling, French colonial-style mansions near the

geography of the city centre....

An old man names a shop he had in a market street once known as the best place to buy women's fashions. "You are free to build in accordance with the construction law," he is told by a dark-suited official.

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SPORTS

Arguello plans to quit boxing

SCOTTSDALE, (Arizona) (A.P.) — Alexis Arguello says he plans to retire from boxing in December to keep a promise to his 10-year-old son, even if it means giving up his goal of becoming the first fighter to ever win titles in four different weight classes.

"This year will be it. After '83, no more," Arguello told the Associated Press on Tuesday while training here for a non-title bout later this month in Texas. "I will probably have four more fights this year. In December, I will make the announcement," he added.

"And when I quit, I'm not going to come back one year later like some other guys. I just want to quit once and for all. I've already promised my son that," added the

30-year-old Arguello. "A.J. will be 11-years-old on Feb. 22. I want us to spend more time together," he said.

"I don't see him for two to three months when I'm training. It's hard for a 10-year-old kid to be by himself; feed himself, dress himself. He needs me and I need him. We've talked about this (retirement) for a long time. I gave him my word," Arguello said.

In his latest fight on Nov. 13, Arguello lost on a 14-round technical knockout to World Boxing Association Junior Welterweight Champion Aaron Pryor.

Arguello, owner of a 76-5 record, has already won championships in the feather-weight, junior lightweight and lightweight

divisions. He is scheduled to fight Vilomar Fernandez in San Antonio on Feb. 21 with a possible re-match with Pryor reportedly earmarked for this summer.

Should be beat Pryor again to attain the fourth title, Arguello said he would "defend it one or two times" and still retire by the end of 1983.

"If I don't win the four titles, maybe my destiny was to win only three," Arguello said. "I believe we're all here for a reason," he added.

Upon retirement, he said he plans to enroll at the University of Miami, Florida, and study physical education "to learn how to be a good teacher in sports. I want to help people, help kids."

Roldan, Scypion line up to meet Marvelous Marvin

NEW YORK (R) — Argentine Juan Domingo Roldan and American Wilford Scypion look set to be Marvelous Marvin Hagler's next challengers for the world middleweight boxing crown after Frank "the Animal" Fletcher's surprise defeat Monday.

Hagler and Fletcher, ranked second by both the World Boxing Association (WBA) and the World Boxing Council (WBC), had already signed to fight for the title on May 20.

But two days after Hagler's ruthless sixth-round defeat of Britain's Tony Sibson in Worcester, Massachusetts, Fletcher was ousted by Scypion in Atlantic City -- and lost his title shot in the process.

Bob Arum, who promoted both bouts, said last week that a victory

by Scypion could earn him a crack at Hagler's title. But Roldan, the WBA's number one contender, may be first in line.

The slow-moving but hard-hitting Argentine stopped American Wilbur Henderson in the seventh round of a scheduled 10-round bout on the same bill as the Hagler-Sibson fight on Friday.

Scypion, 26, who boasts a record of 26 wins and three defeats, is ranked sixth by the WBC but is unranked by the WBA.

He dictated most of the fight against Fletcher, taking full advantage of his longer reach.

"Thank God that I was in shape and that I took this fight seriously," he said. "Now the people know what Wilford Scypion is about."

West Indian Holding to join English cricket club Derbyshire

LONDON (R) — West Indian fast bowler Michael Holding is to play for English cricket club Derbyshire next season once his international duties in the World Cup are over.

Derbyshire made their offer to Holding last week but Holding, who played for Lancashire in 1981 and last season, only accepted Tuesday.

The club has two other registered overseas players but neither will be available in the new season.

New Zealander John Wright will be involved in the World Cup and on the tour which follows, while South African Peter Kirsten wants to remain in South Africa to pursue business interests.

McCropy, Jones clash for vacant WBC welterweight championship

NEW YORK (R) — Undefeated American Milton McCropy will meet once-beaten Colin Jones of Wales on March 19 in Reno, Nevada for the vacant World Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight championship, promoter Don King announced Tuesday.

The fight, at the Reno Convention Center, is scheduled for 12 rounds in accordance with a recent edict by the WBC that reduced all title bouts from 15 rounds to 12.

Derby ordered to pay compensation to Bradford City

LONDON (R) — English soccer club Derby County, bottom of the second division, have been ordered by the Football League to pay £55,000 (\$84,700) compensation to third division Bradford City after "poaching" their manager.

Last month a Football League board of appeal ruled that Derby had to pay a £10,000 fine imposed last November for enticing Roy McFarland — a former Derby defender — to join them from Bradford.

The appeal board also warned that Derby would be forced to pay compensation.

The club has 14 days to appeal against the decision.



MASTERS OF SOVIET SPORTS — Late in 1982, the USSR's Federation of Sports Newswriters, jointly with the USSR's Sports Committee, polled the Soviet Union's sports commentators of periodicals, radio and TV for the best ten athletes and sportmen of the passing year. Five of the top ten (photo) included:

Vladimir Salnikov, a 22-year-old student of Leningrad's Physical Culture College, winner of the three last Olympics in swimming. In 1982 he won gold medals in the 400 m and 1,500 m events at the world championships in Ecuador. In fact, almost each time when he got his feet wet at a major contest, he won. At the USSR vs. GDR match Salnikov set world records in the 400 m and 1,500 m events.

Rinat Dasayev, the goalkeeper for the USSR national soccer team. Commentators at the World Cup finals in Spain, enchanted

by Dasayev's bold action, named him one of the best goalies of the world.

Kayak paddler Vladimir Parfenovich, won three gold medals at the 1982 world championships. This athlete from Minsk handles his paddle with fine dexterity, his staying power is immense, and his will is of iron.

Yuri Sedykh, hammer thrower from Kiev. He is in the top ten for the second time, for sports commentators named him one of the best Soviet athletes two years ago. He is the champion of Montreal and in Moscow. Last year Sedykh won the European title.

Sergei Kopylov, cycle racer from Tula, who won the world title for the second time — in the sprint race, setting a record at the championship in Great Britain.

Shergar's kidnapping casts cloud over Irish bloodstock



DUBLIN (R) — The kidnapping of the champion racehorse Shergar from an Irish stud has cast a cloud over the Irish bloodstock industry, a bright spot in an otherwise lack-luster economy.

Shergar, winner in six of his eight races including the English and Irish Derbys, was snatched from the Aga Khan's Ballymany stud west of Dublin by armed men last Tuesday.

His whereabouts are still a mystery and there is growing anxiety within the country and breeding circles about how this could hit a multi-million-dollar industry.

Peter McKeever, managing director of the Curragh Bloodstock Agency, near the racecourse of the same name, said: "The kidnapping could have quite a serious effect on the whole Irish economy."

Some breeders fear that wealthy foreign horse-owners, attracted to Ireland by its traditional expertise, favourable climate and tax concessions, may be frightened off.

It was reported here that the Aga Khan, with a breeding empire of some 200 mares and large numbers of shares in syndicated stallions such as Shergar, chose Ireland over the United States

where he had more lucrative offers.

While he raised £10 million (\$15 million) by selling 34 shares in Shergar and keeping six, he could have earned over \$30 million syndicating the horse in America.

There is much at stake in Irish horse-breeding. One estimate puts the value of foreign investments and breeding fees at over £100 million (\$137 million) a year, though the real figure may be much more.

Captain Sean Berry of the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association described it as a "multi-million-pound industry" concentrated in about 20 top stud farms scattered around the country.

Apart from the money, it provides employment, directly or indirectly, for some 50,000 people in a country where 14.5 per cent of the work force are without jobs.

According to Captain Berry, Ireland exports some 80 per cent of its thoroughbreds, making it the second largest bloodstock exporter after the United States.

Shergar was due to cover up to 55 mares, at £70,000 (\$95,000) a time, during the six-month breeding season which began last

Monday. So far he has shown remarkable fecundity, getting 40 of last season's 42 mares in foal and he became a father for the first time last week.

During the season a prize stallion is put on a special diet of up to 14 pounds (six kgs) of oats and half a bundle of hay a day and is exercised regularly to keep him fit.

If Shergar is not recovered soon, a whole year's revenue could be lost to his owners and there is a danger that he may lose his mating urge if kept away from mares for too long, experts said.

Captain Berry said the kidnapping was unlikely to have major long-term consequences for the industry.

The Irish breeding industry is concentrated in two main areas — around the Curragh, in County Kildare, where the Aga Khan's stud is situated and in Tipperary, where Ireland's leading racehorse trainer Vincent O'Brian is based.

One attraction is tax exemption for stallions' fees, a considerable draw.

Captain Berry conceded that security at studs, which has generally been relatively relaxed compared to security at racing stables, would have to be tightened.

But best-selling racing mystery writer Dick Francis, himself a former jockey, said the security problem at studs was not peculiar to Ireland but was world-wide.

Mr. Francis was quoted by an Irish newspaper as saying he was able recently to walk into the paddock in Maryland of Native Dancer, the most potent high-class stallion in the breeding industry, worth even more than Shergar.

According to industry sources in Dublin, Shergar was insured against accidental injury in the stable or on the track and against loss of fertility, but not against kidnapping or malicious damage for which no policy would be available.

In case of malicious damage or kidnapping, the owners would have to sue the local authorities to recover their investment. If the act was politically motivated, they would have to approach the Irish government.

Police have said that so far there was no indication that the kidnapping was the work of nationalist guerrillas fighting to overthrow British rule in Northern Ireland who have been responsible for a number of major crimes in recent years.

Brickbats, bouquets for Australians

SYDNEY (R) — Australia's cricketeters must take the brickbats as well as the bouquets while they bask in the glory of regaining the Ashes and winning the World Series cup in a chequered international season.

The Australians' behaviour on the field tarnished their triumphant progress which was watched by one million spectators and an equal number of television viewers here and in England.

Australia's 2-1 win over England in the Ashes tests and their one-day triangular cup success culminating in victory over New Zealand in the final were marked by incidents scarcely in keeping with the spirit of the game.

AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

We would like to express our gratitude to Dr. T.D.H. Gray and his assistants and staff at St. Paul's Eye Hospital in Liverpool England, for their help and concern during our son's retinal detachment operation which was performed successfully.

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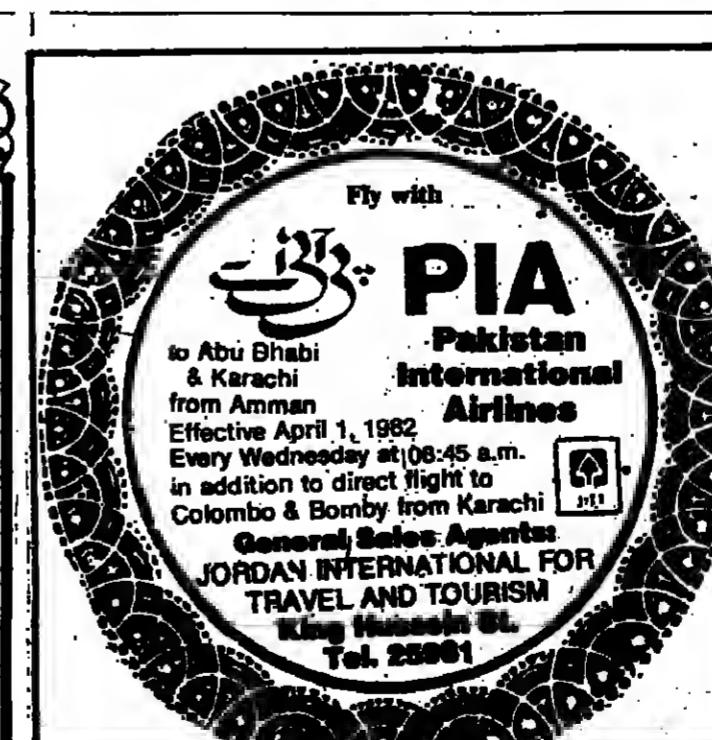
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ECONOMY

Japan will continue to restrain car exports to U.S., Canada

TOKYO (R) — Japan announced that it would continue to restrain car exports to the United States and Canada this year and said a joint car production deal between Toyota and General Motors would help the U.S. motor industry.

The companies have agreed in principle to produce jointly a small car for the U.S. market from early 1985 at a General Motors plant in California with a Japanese-appointed manager.

Toyota said about half the car's content would be of American origin.

Japan's international trade and industry minister, Mr. Sadanori Yamanaoka, told reporters the Toyota-General Motors deal would contribute to the revitalisation of idle American factories and increase employment in the United States.

The minister said in a statement that Tokyo would continue to hold car exports to the U.S. at 1.68 million for a third year from April 1 but added that the agreement would not be continued into a fourth year.

Japanese motor industry sources said U.S. carmakers had been

hoping for another two years of restraint under the agreement, aimed at allowing them time to retool and meet Japanese competition in the U.S. market.

The trade ministry also said Tuesday that Japanese car exports to Canada for the first six months of 1983 would be less than 79,000, or 12 per cent lower than the 90,000 sent in the same period a year ago.

A ministry spokesman expressed hope that the two countries would soon resume talks on a target for the whole year.

Japanese exports took almost 30 per cent of the dwindling Canadian car market in 1982 despite officially-sanctioned customs delays in Vancouver.

Mr. Yamanaoka said Japan now hoped the U.S. administration would appreciate the steps taken by Japan and act against protectionist moves in the country.

Japan's announcement follows agreement last week to limit the export of goods including cars, televisions and video tape recorders to the European Community.

About 9,000 employees would be hired by suppliers of parts.

But the pact between Toyota and General Motors came under immediate fire from Mr. Lee Iacocca, chairman of Chrysler, the third largest U.S. carmaker.

"It puts world markets within

the dominating grasp of two companies that together already control 25 per cent of the world's auto sales," Mr. Iacocca said.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities turned mixed in moderate trading after opening firm in line with Wall Street, dealers said. The F.T. index at 1,500 Tuesday was down 0.6 at 660.1.

Sentiment was dampened when trading in the new Associated British Ports' issue was postponed until Wednesday due to postal problems with the allotment letters, dealers added.

Profit-taking edged government bonds off the highs but longs were still around one point firmer in fairly active trading on the strength of sterling and stronger U.S. bond market, dealers said. Index linked bonds showed losses extending to 7/ point.

Gold and North American shares were higher.

Government bonds attracted support mainly from domestic institutions though some overseas interest was evident, while it was noted that the government broker had been supplying stock to the market, dealers said.

UDS was up 6p at 110 on news of the increased offer from Bassishaw, while Dalgety fell 4p at 336 after six month figures. Betrose 10p at 220 after 221 on speculation of a possible bid from Tansor Trust, which rose 5p to 201 after 202.

Banks showed gains of around 6p, while in oils, B.P. and Shell rose 4p at 322 and 442 respectively and Ultramar jumped 10p at 504. Among mixed leaders, ICI was up 6p at 396.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

One sterling	£5488/98	U.S. dollars	
One U.S. dollar	1.2214/17	Canadian dollars	
2.3943/55		West German marks	
2.6435/55		Dutch guilders	
1.9845/65		Swiss francs	
47.10/15		Belgian francs	
6.7860/7910		French francs	
1378.50/1379.50		Italian lire	
232.50/65		Japanese yen	
7.3640/90		Swedish crowns	
7.0340/90		Norwegian crowns	
8.4725/4825		Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	510.50/511.50	U.S. dollars	

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Yesterday's Jumble: BANAL WHINE HOMAGE BEWAII
Answer: If you see Frankenstein's monster, Dracula and a werewolf all at the same time, better hope it's this—HALLOWEEN

NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S. firms slash oil price

NEW YORK (R) — Two of the leading U.S. oil companies slashed the price they pay for domestic crude oil by \$1 a barrel Monday, two weeks after a similar \$1 cut. Texaco was the first to make the move, saying it would now pay \$30 a barrel for West Texas intermediate sweet crude oil, a key indicator of prices for all types of U.S. oil. West Texas intermediate sweet crude was selling for \$35 a barrel in early 1981. Phillips Petroleum said later it was also cutting the price it pays for crude oil by \$1.

Quebec premier to break strike

QUEBEC CITY (R) — Quebec Premier Rene Levesque said Monday he will recall the provincial legislature to enact an emergency law to force 90,000 striking teachers back to work. Mr. Levesque did not say when he would ask the lawmakers to return to end the strike, which was called 15 days ago and has kept 1.3 million students out of classrooms. The teachers are the only members of a coalition of civil service unions still on strike over the Quebec government's efforts to impose a 20 per cent wage cut.

Food imports burden Egypt

CAIRO (R) — Egypt spends \$7 million a day on financing food imports, minister of supply and internal trade Mr. Ahmad Noah was quoted Monday as saying. The official Middle East News Agency (MENA) said Mr. Noah told members of the ruling National Democratic Party that the government was also spending about \$316 million a year subsidising food ration cards, used by an estimated 8.2 million families. Mr. Noah said the government was working out a new system for rationed food allowances, which would partly remove state subsidies from less poor claimants and save \$56 million.

Regan stresses funding IMF

WASHINGTON (R) — Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said Monday the future health of the U.S. and global economies was linked to providing the International Monetary Fund (IMF) with new finances. In the opening salvo of a campaign to get Congress to approve new funds for the lending agency so it can assist debt-ridden countries, Mr. Regan told the Senate banking committee that mishandling of the situation could abort a recovery from recession.

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16, 1983

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Unless you get carried away from present goals by a new course of action, you can achieve much of value today. Stick to proven methods for best results at this time.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Find a better way of handling your responsibilities and they are soon behind you. Meet expectations of loved one.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Avoid an outside foe and be more concerned with improving business affairs. Study every angle of a new project.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Take time to confer with associates and exchange clever ideas. They can be of help to you at this time. Be poised.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take steps to improve the relationship with loved one. A new contact may bring many benefits your way.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Take a little time for amusement so that you relieve possible tensions you are under. Co-workers are more cooperative now.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Plan a new course of activity that will help you gain personal and business aims that are important to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Pursue goals of an idealistic nature and you can easily gain them. Take time to visit close ties in the evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be sure to keep promises made to family members. A new project needs more study before going ahead with it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study the changes that need to be made so that you can command a greater abundance. Make right decisions in the evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Good day to obtain data you need for a personal project. Good organizational work is the key to success now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Important civic affairs can be handled wisely now. Make sure you carry through with promises at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Look over your environment and make plans for improvement in the future. A good friend could be helpful to you now.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . ha or she will be one who can envision large projects and can make them work efficiently, so be sure to give your progeny as fine an education as you can to prepare for an important position in life. Give fine ethical training.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword

by Dorothea E. Shipp

ACROSS	26 Kitchen tool	52 Med. org.	12 Pencil ends
1 Public quarrel	27 Involve	54 "— we forget"	13 Guard
6 Soprano Gluck	29 Wall hanging	55 Russian	18 Season
10 — bien	32 Bristle	addict	22 Gibraltar
14 Philippine island	33 Warning sign	56 Vise'a	denizen
15 Animal's hideaway	34 Ninny	58 Chin or Matt follower	24 Comes unwifed
16 Roll call word	35 Make —	59 Soe	28 Writer
17 Neutral	36 Hebrew month	60 Certain awards	Fleming
19 A czar	40 Small pouch	62 Arrow poison	30 Wingika part
20 Amerind	42 — publica	63 Elevator in Wales	31 Pea place
21 Reel, e.g.	44 Float	64 Lifeless	32 Actress Joanna
22 " — of robins in her hat"	47 Part of a camera	65 Soap frame bar	37 Indian weight
23 Melody	49 Flowering shrub	66 Dubious	39 French artist
25 Majors of TV	51 Bayes and Helmer	67 Plataaus	40 Washington city

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

BIDIPS	STEAM	NAPS
REEK	TIRESIA	EDAM
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TRICHLINIC	CHIROPRACTICS	CHIAT
ASPIRIN	CHICKENS	CHIEST
SHRUBS	CHIMES	CHIETI
RETS	CHIMES	CHIETI
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WORLD

Buenos Aires reviews policy

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argentina's ruling military junta has given President Reynaldo Bignone a tight set of policy guidelines to govern the country's return to democracy and deal with its economic crisis, military sources said Tuesday.

A brief communiqué issued after the commanders-in-chief of the army, navy and air force met President Bignone Monday night said: "The military junta and the president studied and agreed measures to be implemented in the government's future action."

It gave no details, but the sources said the measures would severely limit President Bignone's room for manoeuvre in future talks with the political parties.

Thais arrest U.S. couple

SANGKOK (R) — An American couple were arrested in a house on the banks of the Mekong River during the weekend and police suspect they may be linked with Hollywood-financed mercenary James (BO) Gritz.

After keeping the house under surveillance for several weeks police said they raided it on Sunday and arrested Lance Edward Tritter, 43, from San Francisco and Leon Standerwick, 25, from New Mexico.

A variety of items including gas masks, jungle camouflage fatigues, three radio receiver/transmitters and scuba diving equipment were also found in the house at Nakhon Phanom, 735 kilometres northeast of Bangkok.

S.S. convinced Soviets use huge forced labour

WASHINGTON (R) — A U.S. State Department report suggested that world publicity might prevent future use of forced labour to build the Soviet natural gas pipeline to Europe.

The report, ordered by Congress, also said harsh conditions in a Soviet network of 1,100 forced labour camps violated international human rights accords.

It estimated there were four million forced labourers in the camps, including 10,000 political prisoners.

The State Department said there was evidence that forced labour had been used for internal Soviet pipeline construction, and mentioned reports that forced labour was used for "dangerous site preparation" work for the pipeline to Europe.

It said this focused international attention on what it called harsh Soviet forced labour practices and concluded: "The publicity, we believe, has made Soviet authorities sensitive to the additional problems that would attend future exploitation of forced labour on the export pipeline project."

Congress had directed the State

Chile's 12th cabinet reshuffle since military takeover

Gen. Pinochet reshuffles cabinet

SANTIAGO (R) — Chile's President Gen. Augusto Pinochet has reshuffled his cabinet in an attempt to tackle the recession hitting the country but has pledged that his economic policy will be maintained.

"There will be no changes in the economic policy," Gen. Pinochet said in a speech Monday.

The president dismissed Economy and Finance Minister Rolf Lüders, who had held both portfolios since they were combined last August.

The two posts were again separated Monday, with engineer and businessman Manuel Martín Saez named to the economy ministry and former Central Bank President Carlos Cáceres given the finance portfolio.

Government sources said the moves were aimed at breathing new life into the economy. Almost 22 per cent of Chile's workforce is unemployed and the Central Bank says the foreign debt is about \$17 billion.

President Pinochet announced the dismissal of Mr. Lüders after swearing into office his new foreign minister, Miguel Alex Schweizer, to replace René Rojas who resigned last week.

The president also sacked Education Minister Alvaro Arriagada, replacing him with Chile's only woman minister, Monica Madariaga, who moved from the justice ministry. The new justice minister is

Jáime del Valle, deputy rector of Santiago's Roman Catholic University.

President Pinochet appointed interior under-secretary Ramón Suárez to be government secretary-general, a post with ministerial rank, to replace Herman Felipe Errazuriz who became president of the Central Bank.

It was the 12th reshuffle since Gen. Pinochet seized power in a bloody coup in which Socialist President Salvador Allende died almost 10 years ago.

A new defence minister, Adm. Patricio Carvajal, was appointed last month after Gen. Washington Carrasco resigned. The latest cabinet maintains a previous ratio of nine civilians to seven military ministers.

The reshuffle followed a bid to impeach Mr. Lüders by 15 politicians, banned from political activity since the coup. They claimed Mr. Lüders' closure of three financial institutions and appointment of economists as overseers in the operations of five others was unconstitutional.

Mr. Lüders' actions prompted rumours that the state might take over control of Chile's financial system. But Gen. Pinochet said Monday that there would be no return to "the old Socialist-style framework."

American Indian chiefs hear appeal by fugitive

NEDROW, New York (R) — The chiefs of North America's six Iroquois nations heard an appeal from fugitive Indian leader Dennis Banks Monday for sanctuary on their ancient lands to avoid his extradition to South Dakota.

Mr. Banks, 52, has been wanted in South Dakota since 1975 when he jumped bail after being convicted of riot and assault in a racial clash between whites and Indians two years earlier.

He based his plea on the claim of the Iroquois to sovereign nationhood outside federal and state jurisdiction under a 1794 treaty with the U.S. government. He argued that this made him immune from arrest on the Onondaga reservation in New York State.

Leon Shenandoah, grand sachem (grand chief) of the Iroquois

Conservatives surge ahead in Britain

LONDON (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party Tuesday forged further ahead of the opposition in a popularity poll as her government cleared the way for a possible early election.

A public opinion poll published by London's Standard newspaper showed the ruling Conservatives with a 13 per cent lead over the Labour Party.

The Standard estimated this

would translate into a landslide majority of at least 140 seats for Mrs. Thatcher in an election.

The poll showed support for the right-wing Conservatives edging up from 44 to 45 per cent in the last month, while the left-wing Labour Party slipped from 35 to 32 per cent.

The alliance of Liberals and Social Democrats, which sought to stake out the middle ground and shot to the top of the polls at the end of 1981, was back in third place with 21 per cent.

The Conservatives' high standing is unprecedented for a British government in the fourth year of office and has confounded critics who felt that record unemployment, now at 13.8 per cent of the workforce, would diminish its popularity.

Her personal popularity dipped slightly, with 39 per cent of people polled saying they were satisfied with her performance compared with 41 per cent a month ago.

Troops patrol Dacca

DACCA (R) — Troops moved into Dacca Tuesday to prevent fresh violence erupting on the streets of the Bangladeshi capital.

Students agitating against the martial law government set seven vehicles on fire and sporadic clashes with the police were reported from various parts of the city.

Unconfirmed reports also said the military authorities arrested an unspecified number of police officers Tuesday. Their names or

W. German parties nervously await court decision on March elections

BONN (R) — West Germany's constitutional court ends a week of mounting nervousness among political parties Wednesday when it rules on whether to allow planned March elections to go ahead.

Diplomats said that the election campaign already in full swing and campaign posters lining the main streets of every town cancellation would cause considerable embarrassment.

Edmund Stoiber, business manager of the Christian Social Union (CSU), one of three parties in the ruling centre-right coalition, said at the week-end there could be a "crisis of state" if this happened.

Most political commentators believe the Karlsruhe court will overrule objections that last December's dissolution of the Bundestag (lower house) by President Karl Carstens was unconstitutional.

Political sources say widespread speculation that the eight judges could reach only a close majority decision has sparked anger in the Karlsruhe court.

Monday, the court reversed an earlier decision and banned live

television coverage of the announcement. It also tightened up regulations for radio and press journalists.

If the eight judges divide equally, the objection, filed by four Bundestag deputies, will be rejected and the March 6 elections will go ahead.

Diplomats say a narrow margin

would increase pressure to change the country's constitution, making it easier to dissolve parliament before the end of its four-year term.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl promised early elections after his centre-right coalition ousted Social Democrat (SPD) Chancellor Helmut Schmidt from office in a parliamentary vote last October.

Mr. Kohl had deliberately to lose a vote of confidence in the Bundestag, with most of his supporters abstaining, before he could ask President Karl Carstens to approve a dissolution.

The president, echoing widespread uneasiness about the unprecedented move, said he had great difficulty in making his decision.

The chancellor has already expressed distaste for the idea.

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